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Carbon monoxide: an invisible enemy

By

Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer

The powerful storm that hit the Pacific Northwest last week caused widespread power outages leaving more than a million residents in the dark.

Plummeting outdoor temperatures forced residents to keep warm using fireplaces, gas ranges, generators, kerosene and propane heaters, as well as automobiles and charcoal grills.

Several local residents lost their lives by improperly using these sources, creating a silent and deadly killer — carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide, or CO, is a deadly gas that causes many deaths each year. It kills without warning because it has no smell or color. It is a byproduct of burning organic fuels such as gasoline, diesel, wood, propane, natural gas or charcoal briquettes and other such materials.

When these materials are burned in a poorly-ventilated space, carbon monoxide can build up and cause poisoning.

This poisoning can occur even when there is plenty of oxygen in the air.

The carbon monoxide replaces oxygen in the body's circulatory system, quickly causing illness and even death, said Master Sgt. Martin Kastner, 62nd Medical Operations Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering non-commissioned officer in charge.

According to Sergeant Kastner, some symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, dizziness, sleepiness, ringing in the ears, nausea and poor coordination, as well as weakness, confusion, breathing difficulties and unconsciousness.

"Some of the symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure may be mistaken for other ailments such as allergies, the flu, exhaustion or a heart attack," Sergeant Kastner said. Carbon monoxide poisoning can also be mistaken for intoxication from alcohol or drugs, he said.

If carbon monoxide exposure is suspected, Sergeant Kastner recommends moving immediately to fresh air. If the case is a mild one, this may be all that is required for the person to recover fully, he said. However, more serious cases of exposure may require CPR or medical attention.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Carrie Bernard

Members of Team McChord work together to remove fallen branches and other debris Dec. 15 in front of Bldg. 100. The damage was the result of powerful winds that left many on base and in the local community without electricity. At least 100 people in Washington state were poisoned by carbon monoxide this week due to improper use of gas ranges, charcoal grills, propane heaters and other devices that were not designed for indoor use. Officials are reminding people not to use carbon monoxide emitting devices indoors.

There are several ways carbon monoxide exposure can be reduced or eliminated, said Joy Fowlkes, 62nd Airlift Wing Ground Safety Office. She recommends following these tips to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Keep your car and its exhaust system in good repair.
- Never run a car engine in an enclosed space such as a garage.
- If you must sit in a stationary vehicle to stay warm with the engine running, be sure to open a window. Also, remove obstructions around tail pipes such as

built up snow to prevent blockage.

- Have a qualified service technician inspect your home appliances yearly.
- Routinely check home vent pipes and chimneys for leaks or blockages.
- Never use a charcoal grill indoors for heating or cooking.
- Never use fuel-powered engines (generators, chain saws, blowers, weed trimmers, or snow blowers) in enclosed spaces such as garages,

homes, or small buildings.

- Provide adequate ventilation for any heaters, and don't sleep in a room with an unvented fuel-burning heater.
- Install a CO detector.

To find out more about the effects of CO and prevention tips, visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/co/faqs.htm> or the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSC/PUBS/466.html>.

Weekend Weather

THURSDAY



Hi: 47
Low: 35

FRIDAY



Hi: 45
Low: 38

SATURDAY



Hi: 47
Low: 37

Forecast generated at 7 a.m. Wednesday
Courtesy of the 62nd Operations Support Squadron

Mission accomplished

Total McChord sorties	18,450
Total flying hours	57,825.8
Cargo moved (tons)	148,416.5
Departure reliability rate	94.8%
Mission capable rate	84.7%
Personnel currently deployed	771
Reservists currently activated.....	265

(Jan. 1 to Tuesday. Numbers updated Tuesday.)

Don't miss it ...

Holiday services

See Page 14 for a schedule of holiday worship services at McChord.

Even storms can't dampen our spirit

By
Col. Shane Hershman
62nd Airlift Wing vice commander

The storm that swept through the Puget Sound area last week soaked McChord, but didn't dampen the holiday spirit on base. Some vehicles were damaged by fallen branches, the flag in front of Bldg. 100 was torn up and several people were without power for a while. However, it warmed my heart to watch Team McChord respond after the winds died.

Our civil engineer squadron responded immediately with crews working 12-hour shifts, or longer, to repair the damage done by the storm and restore power to the base.

Across base, Airmen pitched in to clean the area around their buildings of branches and debris. In the castle, Col. James Weber, 62nd Maintenance Squadron commander, led several maintainers in an impromptu chime choir of holiday tunes while Airmen waited for the power to come back on.

As I was standing in the cold, dark hallway of Bldg. 100 listening to Airmen laugh as they sang along with the

chime choir, it struck me how strong and resilient our Airmen are.

Whether the challenge is a deployment over the holidays or recovering from a harsh storm, McChord Airmen rise to the challenge every time.

Throughout it all, the great attitudes and teamwork I've seen from all of you is what makes us the world's best Air Force.

From deployed Airmen to our friends and family who support us, we need everyone to make this great mission happen. Take care of your Wingman and yourself this holiday season — share a Christmas cookie, a holiday tune or just each other's company.

Also, be safe. Don't drink and drive, and don't let your friends drink and drive. While you're out enjoying holiday parties or skiing, be careful on the roads so you can come back from the holidays safe and sound.

This season is all about goodwill and taking care of each other, and from what I saw after the storm last week, Team McChord has plenty of holiday spirit.

Thank you for your service and everything you do for your country. Happy holidays!

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'Tis the season to remember military history



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command chief master sergeant

What do the holiday season and our military history have in common? A lot more than you may think.

From George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River on Dec. 25, 1776, to the Mexican War's Christmas Day battle of Bracito, as well as campaigns that have seen our country's sons and daughters in foreign lands during the holidays, this time of year is historically filled with stories of sacrifice, valor and patriotism.

These accounts of courage, commitment and faith are not limited to only our military members, but also encompass the families and friends left behind ... those who proudly display pictures of their loved ones in uniform and pray for the safety and success of our missions.

It's no wonder then that during this season of peace, a grateful nation pauses

to remember all those charged with keeping it safe and defending its freedoms. Whether it was during the depths of World War II when the song "I'll be Home for Christmas" touched the hearts of all Americans, or today as people tie yellow ribbons of remembrance on Freedom Bridge between McChord and Fort Lewis, remembering our men and women in uniform during the holidays is a valued part of our country's traditions.

Today, our Airmen are adding their stories to this unique part of our military history, as we fight to give 30 million people the opportunity for freedom in Iraq.

As you take time next week to enjoy the holidays, pause to remember those who have fought and sacrificed to protect all that we hold dear ... and take pride in knowing that you are serving with the same dedication to duty shown by generations past who have defended their family's and our nation's freedom.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays. Hooah.

Ask the Vice Commander

E-mail ActionLine@mcchord.af.mil or call 982-2222

Vice Commander's Action Line

The Vice Commander's Action Line provides a direct link of communication between you and me, with the goal of building a better community. Your concerns, questions and ideas are highly valued and are key in enhancing Team McChord's mission and community. I encourage you to give the professionals here, together with your chain of command, the opportunity to address your concerns directly. However, questions that come through the Action Line have my personal attention. Please be sure to leave your name and phone number, so we can follow up with you. Comments and questions that apply to a large base audience will be published in the base newspaper.

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Q. Is it correct to pull over to the side of the road during the playing of the National Anthem? On several occasions, I have pulled to the side of the road and I have been thrown the bird and have had people lay on their horn in anger. I could see if it was just one car to the side of the road, but there were several of us showing our pride.

A. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to

remind all of Team McChord about our Air Force customs and courtesies. If in uniform, it is appropriate to stand at attention and face the flag when you hear the retreat bugle. At the first note of the national anthem, those in uniform should render a salute and hold it until the last note of the music. Those not in uniform should stand and face the flag during retreat and place their right hand over their heart for the national anthem.

Retreat is played on base at 4:30 p.m. every day. If you're in a car, turn down the radio and listen for the music. If you're driving down the road and hear the music, find a safe place to stop your car while the anthem is playing. I encourage everyone to take this time each day to pay respect to our country. Not only is it the right thing to do, it's a small way we can honor all those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Have a happy holiday season by remembering to be safe

By

Maj. Jack Jackman

62nd Contracting Squadron commander

The winter holiday season is a joyous time of the year. We all look forward to taking time off to make merry, visit with family and friends and just relax. Don't let your celebration be ruined by a tragic accident.

Let's take a moment to think about two common causes for disaster this time of year and how you can avoid them.

What activity do most of us perform on a daily basis with the highest risk of serious injury? You guessed it: driving.

Driving is serious business. During 2005, 11 of the 13 Air Mobility Command active duty fatalities were caused by motor vehicle accidents.

Winter weather brings additional hazards, increasing the chance of an accident.

When driving conditions are poor, apply a little risk management to your decision process.

Is your car equipped for the weather? Can you make the trip later? What would be the safest route? Are you prepared for emergencies?

Once you've assessed the risk and decided to go ahead and make that trip, pack a winter car survival kit before you go.

Here are a few recommended items: Snow brush with scraper, flashlight with spare batteries, blanket, mittens and extra socks, as well as a small shovel, sack of sand or kitty litter, hazard sign and flares, windshield wiper fluid and tire chains, especially if you must traverse any mountain passes.

Once on the road, remember a few key driving tips: don't drink and drive, wear safety belts, maintain sufficient following distance for road conditions, allow extra travel time, drive with headlights on and take frequent rest breaks to stay alert.

Another holiday hazard to avoid is a house fire. Every winter we hear heart-breaking stories about families who are devastated by fires in their homes.

Take extra precautions while preparing for festivities. Make sure you select a fresh Christmas tree. Top off the water daily and never place it near a heat source. Only use lighting approved for indoor use, inspect lights before installation and don't overload electrical outlets. Make sure you have smoke alarms on every level of your house and a home fire escape plan.

I'll close with this quotation by retired Marine Lt. Col. Jeff Cooper: "Safety is something that happens between your ears, not something you hold in your hands."

Please take the time to plan for a happy and safe holiday season.



Combat Airlifter

of the week

Airman 1st Class Brandyn Heustis

62nd Operations Support Squadron

Duty title:

Air traffic controller

Location of work:

Control tower facility

Hometown:

Fort Collins, Colo.



What makes him so great?

Airman Heustis provides quality air traffic control service for approximately 35,000 aircraft operations annually.

He directly supports flight operations for the 62nd and 446th Airlift Wings, as well as transient Department of Defense, civilian and general aviation aircraft.

Recently, having worked two weeks of Night Vision Device training, he controlled more than 120 operations and provided much needed NVD training for Air Mobility Command and Pacific aircraft preparing for area-of-responsibility operations.

As lead trainer responsible for apprentice controller development, Airman Heustis' development and implementation of more than 200 ATC scenarios were critical to McChord's tower simulator system being recognized as one of the best in AMC.

AROUND THE WORLD



SATHER AIR BASE, Iraq — Staff Sgts. Jason Stock and Andrea Watts, both deployed to the 447th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, greet former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld recently. Sergeant Stock is from the 62nd Aerial Port Squadron and Sergeant Watts is from the 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.



MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan — Members of the 817th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron stand proudly in front of a McChord C-17 Globemaster III recently. They are all deployed to Manas from the 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.



Remember fire safety this holiday season

Lights, trees potential hazards

By
Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer

Each holiday season, Christmas tree electrical problems and malfunctions cause fires in four out of ten homes, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

McChord's Fire Department is doing its best to make sure people on base don't add to the statistics by giving Airmen practical tips on how to practice Christmas fire safety.

Sandra Cooper, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron assistant chief of fire prevention, tells Airmen to follow the manufacturer's instructions on Christmas tree and outdoor lights.

She said plugging in lights for the entire tree into a power strip is generally pretty safe, but overloading a power strip can have disastrous results.

"There is a common misconception out there that power strips can protect units against overloading from too many plugs," she said. "But the power strip is designed to protect against a power surge from

the outside, not the inside."

Those who live in homes that have baseboard heating, which dries out Christmas trees faster, must be even more cautious of overloaded outlets, said Ms. Cooper.

She recommends inspecting the wattage of each object being plugged into the power strip so as to not overload it. She also recommends plugging any space heaters directly into a wall outlet and not a power strip.

When it comes to powering any outside lights or decorations, make sure to hang power strips vertically to avoid getting moisture in them and check all the lights and chords for damage before plugging them in, said Staff Sgt. David Taitague, 62nd CES.

"People should check to make sure there is no rust on the prongs because that could cause heat to build up," Sergeant Taitague said.

He also recommends plugging outside lights into outlets with weather-proof covers on them, which eliminates any type of moisture from entering the connection.

For more holiday fire safety tips, call the fire department at 982-2603.



Photo by 1st Lt. John Ross

Santa's sky-scrape

Santa Claus prepares for a perfect landing after a successful parachute jump at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Old Saint Nick visited the Academy recently to learn proper egress and parachute techniques in case of a sleigh malfunction on Christmas Eve. Santa's fans can track his journey around the world Sunday at the North American Aerospace Defense Command's special Web site www.noradsanta.org. The site also features the history of the NORAD Tracks Santa program, has interactive games and more.



By
Barbara Wynne
Spouse of Michael Wynne,
secretary of the Air Force

Letter to Airmen

Thank you to our great Air Force family

Dear Airmen, I have just returned from an incredible trip to the area-of-responsibility with my husband. I met many Airmen and family members from all across the Air Force. Every Airman was so impressive, dedicated and proud to serve our country. Thank you for all you do for our Air Force.

Serving during this time of conflict, you have joined the elite group of courageous Americans who have defended our way of life in times of trouble. Your patriotism will shape the rest of your life. You are destined to become the future leaders of our communities, our Air Force and America. Each of you is a hero.

You have handled the challenges thrown at you, as my husband says, in "adaptable and flexible" ways. You find creative solutions to solve problems every day, whether it's aircraft repair, managing distribution of furniture for households or streamlining vehicle registration. Work everywhere is faster and better thanks to you.

And you are just as excited about quality of life improvements such as Balad Air Base, Iraq's

"Read for Your Child Program." Your professionalism shows in all you do.

Throughout this past year, I met many of you at our stateside and overseas bases. During my first travels to the Pacific, I witnessed firsthand your dedication to the mission in Guam, Korea, Japan and Hawaii. You are ready at a moment's notice to deploy and do what you have been trained to do.

Being so far away from home, I am pleased to see you take advantage of the quality of life programs that the Air Force provides.

The fitness centers and services areas are jam-packed with Airmen staying in shape and planning and taking part in shows and activities that help make the time away from home bearable.

The talent and volunteerism of our Airmen is incredible. We have volunteer personal trainers to help their buddies and artists who decorate walls of dorms, rocks in the desert and barriers around compounds. All of these great Airmen are donating their time and energy to make our bases better and improve quality of life in their communities.

We visited the hospitals in Balad, Landstuhl, Germany and Walter Reed in Texas. It is a privilege and inspiration to have had the honor to hold the hand of our wounded servicemen and women from all of the services.

Each of you are in our thoughts and prayers every day. We will certainly never forget what has happened to you and we are committed to helping

each of you come back strong. The doctors, nurses and technicians are the cream of the crop. Their expertise, saving so many lives, is the silver lining to this conflict. It truly is the "Miracle of Iraq and Afghanistan."

At those bases where families accompany you, I met your wonderful spouses. Your families are so supportive and understanding. They truly make a difference to you and our Air Force. They are the bedrock upon which the Air Force is built.

Their continued dedication to our Airmen is incredible. There are so many programs they facilitate, such as making holiday cookies and providing dinners for spouses of deployed Airmen. They always have your best interests at heart.

I have met your children, and they blow me away. They are so proud of their moms and dads. From the darling babies and toddlers in the child development center to the poised, bright middle schoolers who showed me around their schools — you can be very, very proud of them. Our future will be safe in their hands.

As this year draws to a close and we look to a new year, I am truly honored to have had a chance to meet so many of you. You have left an indelible mark on my heart, and I will keep you there always. Thank you for serving in our Air Force and protecting this great nation of ours.

Wherever your path in life leads you, my husband and I wish the very best to you and your families. Be safe this holiday season — we want you back.

Base housing garbage pick-up schedule

- There will be no garbage or recycling pickups in base housing Wednesday. Instead, curbside trash, yard waste and recycling will be picked up Thursday.
- Jan. 4 will be a garbage pick-up day in base housing. There will be no garbage pickup on Jan. 3.
- Christmas tree recycling pickup days are Jan. 3 and Jan. 10.

Curbside recycling schedules are available at the base recycling center, Bldg. 516.

For more information, call 982-3099 or 982-3086.

The Golden West Winds

bring holiday cheer to McChord



Photos by Abner Guzman

The Golden West Winds, a woodwind quintet and resident component of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West provide holiday entertainment for military members and civilians Wednesday at the base exchange.

The Golden West Winds, a woodwind quintet and resident component of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, visited McChord Dec. 13 and 14 as part of an annual holiday tour. The quintet visited several Air Force bases in addition to McChord. They played a variety of musical selections including “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” and “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.”



Onlookers get into the holiday spirit as Tech. Sgt. Lindsey Bartlett plays her bassoon.



Members of the Golden West Winds, from left, Tech. Sgt. Lindsey Bartlett, Senior Airman Monica Ding and Senior Airman Heather Holowecky leave the medical clinic enroute to their next scheduled performance.



Senior Airman Robert Mayes, left, and Sergeant Bartlett unpack their instruments at the base dental clinic.



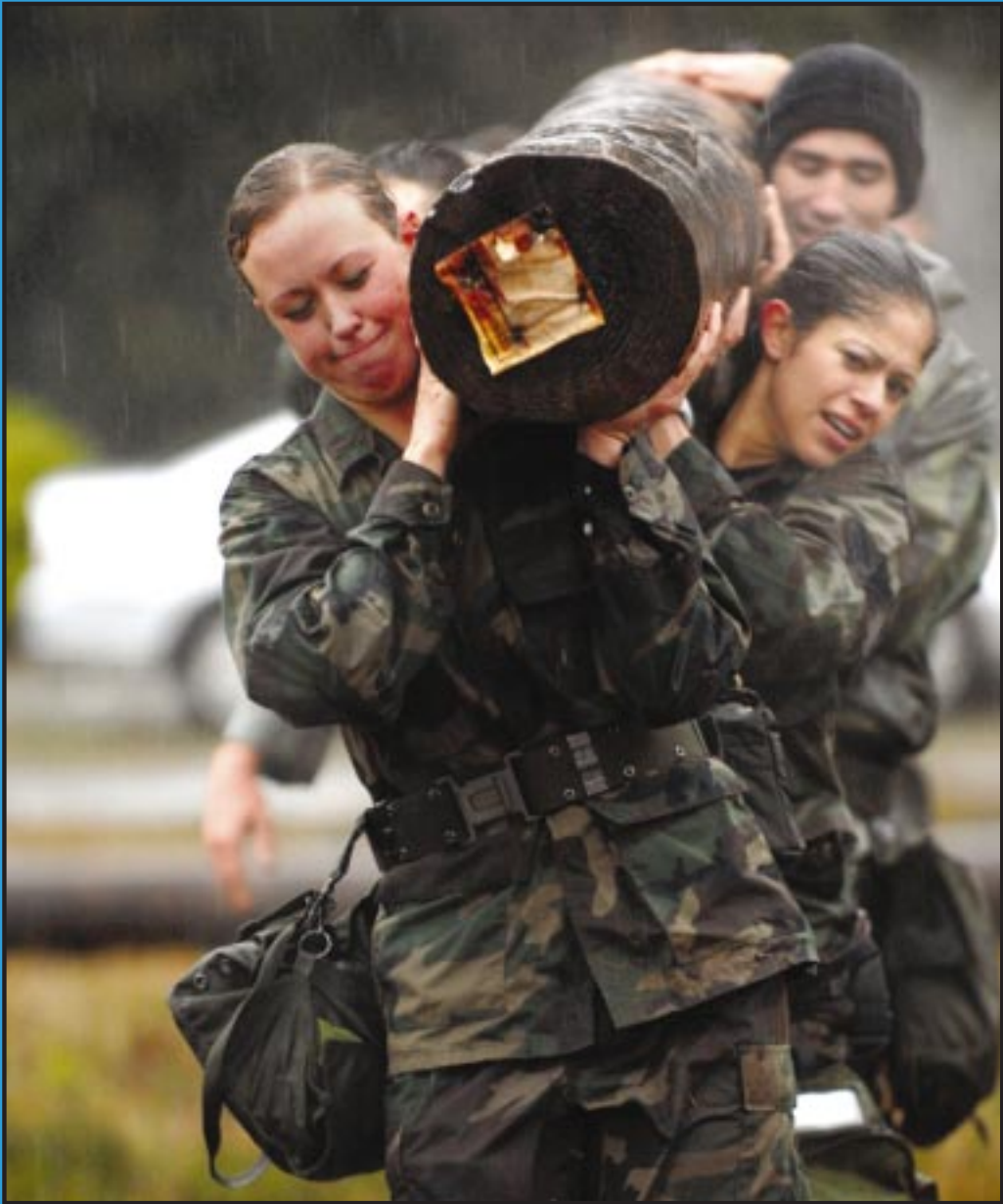
Members of the Golden West Winds perform for Airmen in the lobby of McChord's medical facility.



Senior Airman Nicholas Cooley, 62nd Maintenance Squadron, pushes a Humvee during the “Humvee Push,” one of the events in Monster Mash, a 6-mile obstacle course containing challenges taken from the Airman’s Manual. Airman Cooley and his teammates pushed the vehicle one-quarter mile.



Members of the 62nd Communications Squadron, one of seven teams that participated in Monster Mash, carry a log across a field.



Photos by Abner Guzman

Monster mash-up

Second Lt. Grace Miller, left, and Staff Sgt. Maggie Cervantes, both from the 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, work as a team to carry a 700-pound log 50 yards during Monster Mash Thursday.

Yellow beats Red in first-ever all-star game

By
Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer

Despite a constant and, at times, heavy rain, the Yellow Team used a potent air attack to defeat the Red Team, 26-12, in McChord’s first flag football all-star game.

Six of the regular season’s top teams each sent four players to the contest. The Red Team got on the board first as quarterback Clinton Riley, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, lofted a screen pass to 62nd Aerial Port Squadron’s Reginald Harden, who made one cut, tiptoed the sideline and sprinted 30 yards for the score.

But the Red Team’s lead didn’t last long as quarterback Curtis Storm, 62nd Medical Group, hooked up with 62nd Maintenance Squadron’s James Royston on a 20-yard touchdown pass. An extra point conversion gave Yellow the 7-6 lead.

A wet ball and soggy field didn’t faze the Yellow Team as quarterback Nicholas Brooks, 62nd Mission Support Squadron, rifled a 40-yard laser to a streaking Harry Dennard, 62nd MDG, to push the score to 13-6 with less than eight minutes left in the half.

Yellow cashed in one more time with one minute left in the half when Storm showcased some of the MDG’s regular season chemistry by hitting Demetrius Office with a 35-yard touchdown pass, giving Yellow a 20-6 lead at the half.

“We just seem to feed off each other, just like in the regular season,” Dennard said of the MDG trio of Office, Storm and himself.

After Red quarterback Anthony Calogero, 62nd APS, scored on a 2-yard run midway through the second half, Yellow countered with a score of its own with six minutes left in the game as Brooks took it in from five yards out.

The game, organized as a bonus to close out the season, featured light-hearted chiding



Photo by Tyler Hemstreet

Nicholas Brooks, 62nd Mission Support Squadron, looks for a flag to pull in a pool of Red Team players.

between teams and several outlandish and coordinated touchdown dances. “During the season you’re worrying about penalties for that,” Dennard said. “We wanted this game to be more fun. I just got in the moment.” Though the wet conditions forced players and spectators to bundle up, many who were involved in the landmark game said they had a good time. “There were so many teams that did well this season, we wanted to bring together every-

one for one last game,” said Harden, who teamed up with Dennard to organize the game. “It was a good game — the Yellow Team really came to play,” Harden said. The two said that by putting together the all-star game they hope to start a tradition that can continue into the future.

TEAM ROSTER

Red Team

James Christoforo, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Benjamin Harris, 62nd AMXS
Clinton Riley, 62nd AMXS
Evan Vuksich, 62nd AMXS
Anthony Calogero, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron
Reginald Harden, 62nd APS
Dantejio Taft, 62nd APS
Howard Smith, 62nd APS
Fabian Negrón, 62nd APS
Anthony Butler, 62nd Communications Squadron
David Crespo (coach), 62nd CS
Josh McClanathan, 62nd CS
Andrew McGrath, 62nd CS
William Powell, 62nd CS

Yellow Team

Harry Dennard, 62nd Medical Group
Nathan Fosmore, 62nd MDG
Curtis Storm (coach), 62nd MDG
Demetrius Office, 62nd MDG
Brandon Brown, 62nd Maintenance Squadron
Allen Davis, 62nd MXS
Wayne Eddy, 62nd MXS
James Royston, 62nd MXS
Brandon Zunker, 62nd MXS
Nicholas Brooks, 62nd Mission Support Squadron
Adam Hernandez, 62nd Services Squadron
Brad Nugent, 62nd SVS
Corey Rice, 62nd SVS

McChord mentors

62nd CS shows ANG Airman ins, outs of job

By

Tyler Hemstreet

Staff writer

After strategically positioning each speaker around the hangar, Senior Airman Ian Ouimet, 215th Engineering and Installation Squadron, carefully checked each audio connection with a scrutinizing eye, making sure all the proper connections were right where they were supposed to be and that the system sounded crisp.

Setting up and operating the public address system at a change of command ceremony was just one of the tasks Airman Ouimet, a member of the Washington Air National Guard's 215th EIS, during his on-the-job training under the supervision of the 62nd Communications Squadron.

The workload and manpower in the 62nd CS ground radio maintenance shop were in perfect harmony, and a committed group of Airmen were ready to take him in, said Staff Sgt. John Williams, 62nd CS.

"He learned most of the skills in [technical training] school but would not have been able to do that kind of work because his squadron doesn't work with those exact kinds of jobs," Sergeant Williams said.

Seven Airmen graciously took to mentoring Airman Ouimet: Airmen 1st Class Jordan Viens, Isaiah Ward, Josh McClanathan, Christopher Gentry, David Borquez, Jessica Westcoatt and Nicholas Caughron.

The crew kept Airman Ouimet busy with a variety of tasks, said Sergeant Williams.

He worked on everything from labeling the tool inventory to testing equipment and setting up and operating the public address system at a change of command ceremony.

"If anyone would have come in from the outside, they would have seen he was no different from any of us," Airman McClanathan said.

The opportunity to host Airman Ouimet not only benefited him, but each of the McChord Airmen as well.

"It gave them a chance to show someone what they know," Sergeant Williams said.

The chance to mentor also gave each Airman an added dose of confidence in their knowledge — given their ability to properly explain each job to Airman Ouimet, Airman McClanathan said.

By teaching in a collaborative effort, the Airmen got a glimpse of what it will be like at the higher levels of management.

"It helped point out how an Airman can transition from an Airman to a noncommissioned officer," Airman Viens said.

Airman Ouimet was so impressed with his experience with the ground radio maintenance shop he expressed his gratitude in his squadron's monthly newsletter, the *Electrifier*.

"From spectrum analyzers and multi meters to completing my computer-based training and other meticulous paperwork, much was accomplished at McChord," he said.

"I have nothing but good things to say about my experience with the 62nd Communications Squadron."



Photo by Master Sgt. Richard Hinkley

Airman 1st Class David Borquez, 62nd Communications Squadron, inspects a radio at his shop recently. Senior Airman Ian Ouimet, 215th Engineering and Installation Squadron, performed similar tasks during his on-the-job training with the 62nd CS.



Scholarship fund

The Pacific Northwest chapter of the Airlift/Tanker Association will award a \$500 scholarship to one deserving individual. For an application or more informa-

tion, call 1st Lt. Gabe Arrington at 982-2002.

Tax clinic volunteers

Base legal personnel are seeking volunteers for the Volunteer Return Prepara-

tion Program, formerly known as the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Training will be provided. For more informa-tion, call the legal office at 982-5512.

Name to Note

The following individuals graduated in the 07-A Julius A. Kolb Airman Leadership School class recently:

- Senior Airman Eric Pietras, 4th Airlift Squadron
- Senior Airman Katina Chapa, 5th Air Support Operations Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Morris Thornton, 7th Airlift Squadron
- Senior Airman Jeffrey Scheire, 8th Airlift Squadron
- Senior Airman Douglas Frinell, 22nd Special Tactics Squadron
- Senior Airman James Graham, 22nd STS
- Senior Airman James Martin, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- Senior Airman Christopher Mayo, 62nd AMXS
- Senior Airman Eric Mittelstadt, 62nd AMXS
- Senior Airman Justin Quinn, 62nd AMXS
- Senior Airman Christopher Tripp, 62nd AMXS
- Senior Airman Jason Wilson, 62nd AMXS
- Senior Airman Camilo Rubio, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron
- Senior Airman Adam Basford, 62nd Communications Squadron
- Senior Airman Justin Wilgus, 62nd CS
- Senior Airman Kevin Donnelly, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron
- Senior Airman Robert Gaugh, 62nd LRS

- Senior Airman James Jensen, 62nd LRS
- Senior Airman Andrew Johnson, 62nd LRS
- Senior Airman Mark Borcina, 62nd Maintenance Squadron
- Senior Airman Brian Mundy, 62nd MXS
- Senior Airman Edward Nassy, 62nd MXS
- Senior Airman Bernie Bernante, 62nd Medical Operations Squadron
- Senior Airman Robert Quitano, 62nd MDOS
- Senior Airman Nikolai Adderley, 62nd Medical Support Squadron
- Senior Airman Demetrius Office, 62nd MDSS
- Senior Airman Angela Pfaff, 62nd MDSS
- Senior Airman Donald Pierce, 62nd Security Forces Squadron
- Senior Airman Dustin Mayhew, 143rd Combat Communications Squadron
- Senior Airman Jamie Storm, 143rd CCS
- Staff Sgt. Christopher Martin, 361st Recruiting Squadron

The following individuals were award recip-ients in the 07-A Julius A. Kolb ALS class:

- Senior Airman Mark Borcina, 62nd MXS, John Levitow award
- Staff Sgt. Morris Thornton, 7th AS, Distinguished Graduate award
- Senior Airman Justin Wilgus, 62nd CS, Distinguished Graduate and Academic Achievement awards
- Staff Sgt. Christopher Martin, 361st RS, Leadership award

Faith and Worship Programs

For more information, call 982-5556.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The following holiday services are scheduled:

- Protestant Traditional Sunday of Advent Worship Service at 11 a.m. in Chapel One.
- Protestant Christmas Eve service at the chapel support center at 5 p.m.
- Protestant Traditional Christmas Eve Service, lessons,

carols and communion at 7 p.m.

- There will be no Protestant services on Christmas Day.
- Catholic Mass is Saturday at 5 p.m., and Sunday at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.
- Catholic Cantata and Mid-night Mass Sunday at 11:30 p.m.
- Catholic Mass Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Catholic Services:

All Catholic Services are in Chapel Two

Daily Mass Tuesday - Friday 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4 p.m. Confession

5 p.m. Mass

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Mass

11 a.m. Mass

Protestant Services:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Liturgical Worship: Chapel One

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at the chapel support center

11 a.m. Traditional Worship: Chapel One

11 a.m. Contemporary Service: chapel support center

Jewish Services:

Friday: 7 p.m. Fort Lewis Chapel

Corner of 12th Street and Liggett Avenue 966-8949

Led by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Avi Weiss

Orthodox Activities:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, St. Nicholas

Church, 15th Street and Yakima Avenue, Tacoma

Other services:

Orthodox Christian Community, Cascade Chapel, Fort Lewis

Sundays: 8:45 a.m. pre-Communion prayers

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Confessions are by appointment; call Father John Anderson

at 967-1717 or 906-6843, or e-mail father.anderson@us.army.mil



Schedule of worship services

